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TAGS: SNAR, FI
SUBJECT: INCREASED CONCERN ABOUT DRUG ABUSE

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL GOVERNING PARTIES PLUS MAJOR
OPPOSITION PARTIES PRESENTED WRITTEN QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT
JANUARY 20 ASKING THE GOVERNMENT TO REPORT ON THE CURRENT
STATUS OF THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS AND ON NEED FOR INCREASING
SENTENCES GIVEN FOR DRUG CRIMES. THE QUESTIONERS ASKED THAT
SENTENCES FOR TRAFFICKING OF PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS DRUGS BE
SIMILAR TO SENTENCES FOR MURDER.

2. QUESTIONERS POINTED TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT ENFORCEMENT
PERSONNEL, SAYING THAT THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT FORTY POLICE
OFFICERS IN FINLAND EXPERIENCED IN DRUG CRIMES AND ONLY ONE
SPECIALIZED PROSECUTOR. IN OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES AN EXPERIENCED
PROSECUTOR IS ALWAYS IN CHARGE OF DRUG INVESTIGATIONS,
QUESTIONERS SAID.

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3. DRUG QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT FOLLOWED BY ONLY A FEW DAYS
HELSINGIN SANOMAT INTERVIEW WITH JORMA SEISE, FINLAND'S ONE
SPECIALIZED DRUG PROSECUTOR. SEISE IN INTERVIEW GAVE ALARM-
ING FIGURES ABOUT DRUG-RELATED CRIMES IN FINLAND. HE SAID THAT
IN YEAR 1970 THERE WAS ONE DRUG-RELATED CRIME IN FRG PER
4,000 POPULATION. FIGURE FOR FINLAND OVERALL WAS ONE SUCH
CRIME PER 1,700 POPULATION, AND IN HELSINKI ITSELF THE FIGURE

WAS ONE CRIME PER 200 POPULATION.

4. COMMENT: SEIZURE IN DECEMBER IN HELSINKI AIRPORT OF
20 KILOS OF HEROIN IN ONE WEEK HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION
ON DRUG SITUATION IN FINLAND.
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